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# The Chase National Bank

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

New York

June 2, 1937

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
c/o Taylor, Chasnoff & Willson,
Boatmen's Bank Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your letter of May 29th brings back memories of our correspondence of some months ago.

So far as I know the late Colonel Green or his mother, whose collection he is said to have inherited, never endeavored to acquire any repudiated or non-negotiable notes, such as state scrip and issues of private banks and individuals. I doubt if at this time there are ~~were~~ any Missouri items in the Green collection unless probably Missouri National Bank Notes. The popular sale items in the Green material have not been destroyed. It is probable the remainder will eventually come on the market. Just in what way I do not know, but I doubt if it will be in the near future.

Very respectfully,

Farran Zerbe

Farran Zerbe, Curator,
Chase National Bank Collection
of Moneys of the World.

FZ:RV

August 15, 1939

Executors of the Estate of Edward Green
Round Hill, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I am a collector of paper money and specialize in items current in Missouri. The late Edward Green was very well known in the numismatic field and had in his collection certain bank notes from the State of Missouri which I would very much like to purchase. I do not know what disposition you plan to make or have made of some of his various collections but would appreciate very much if you could tell me who has charge of the collections and if the same were inventoried.

Being a graduate of M.I.T. I had the opportunity of knowing Colonel Green and did not at that time ask him to part with any of the things which gave him so much pleasure. Now, however, I would like to have you put me in touch with the person who could let me know what Missouri items are in Colonel Green's collection and how I might find out if I could obtain some of these items.

I will be sincerely grateful for your courtesy in this matter and if you would rather have me write directly to the person in charge, please send me the name and address.

Very truly yours,

EPN:AG

August 17, 1939

Messrs. Milbank, Tweed and Hope,
15 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Attention Mr. Tweed

Gentlemen:

You were the counsel of Mrs. Wilks in the case of Texas vs. Florida, and for that reason I am writing you for the purpose of getting this letter in the hands of the executor or the proper legatee of the Estate of Col. Edward Green.

I am a collector of coins, and of currency, and I am specializing in the currency used in the State of Missouri. As you no doubt know, Mr. Green had a very extensive collection and among the items he has are a great many state bank notes from Missouri, as well as other scrip. I would like to buy these items if they are to be disposed of and will very much appreciate it if you will put me in touch with the proper party.

I wrote a letter similar to this to Roundhill, Massachusetts, because I was not sure of the name and address of the proper person to contact.

As you see, my vocation is the same as yours, but my avocation, numismatics, leads me into a lot of legal questions. I am just beginning to write a monograph on the legal aspects of Missouri currency from the Spanish period to date, and the more specimens I obtain for my collection, the more accurately I can prepare this work.

I will appreciate any courtesy you may show me.

Yours very truly,

EPN:JB

MILBANK, TWEED & HOPE
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September 19, 1939.

Estate of E. H. R. Green

Eric P. Newman, Esq.,
Messrs. Taylor, Chasnoff & Willson,
Boatmen's Bank Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

We represent the Estate of Colonel Green and will be very glad to place your letter before our clients. While no decision has been arrived at as to the disposition of the coins we feel our clients will be pleased to know of your interest and happy to keep a record of it.

We regret we are unable to write you more definitely about its position at this time.

Very truly yours,

Milbank Tweed & Hope

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September 21, 1939

Milbank, Tweed & Hope
15 Broad Street
New York, N. Y.

Re: Estate of E. H. R. Green

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of September 18, 1939, with reference to the coin and currency collection in the estate of Colonel Green. As I expressed to you in my letter of August 18th, I am very much interested in buying any items from Missouri which are in the collection. My reason for this, besides adding to my collection, is that I am endeavoring to write a book on Missouri currency and would very much like the opportunity of knowing what specimens are in the Green collection. I am trying to assemble all the known items of Missouri currency and to write concerning their use and history. Is the inventory of the collection in such shape that the executors could send me a list of what the collection contains in Missouri items? I feel that this might be possible pending the decision of your clients as to the disposition of the collection.

Thank you for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

EPN:AG

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October 16, 1939.

Estate of E. H. R. Green

Eric P. Newman, Esq.,
Messrs. Taylor, Chasnoff & Willson,
Boatmen's Bank Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Newman:

We have yours of the 21st ultimo, and at the moment the affairs of the Estate are not in such shape that we can send you a list of the Missouri items. Possibly if you could give us a more definite idea of the items in which you are interested it might be of some assistance. For example, you may classify them by years, or in some other manner.

Very truly yours,

Milbank, Tweed & Hope

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October 19, 1939

Messrs. Milbank, Tweed and Hope,
15 Broad Street,
New York City.

Re: Estate of E. H. R. Green

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of October 16.

In accordance with your suggestion as to giving you a more definite idea of the Missouri items in which I am interested in making purchases from the numismatic collection of Colonel Green, I am listing the various issuers of paper money. No doubt his collection contains a great many of these and the approximate date of issue is listed after the issuer's name.

Bank of St. Louis - 1817-1819
Bank of Missouri, St. Louis Branch - 1818-1820
Bank of Missouri, Ste.Genevieve Branch - 1818-1820
Exchange Bank of W. M. O'Hara - 1819
Bank of the United States, St.Louis Branch - 1825-1835
Bank of State of Missouri, All branches - 1837-1861
Bank of St. Louis, All branches - 1857-1861
Southern Bank of St. Louis, All branches - 1857-1861
Exchange Bank of St. Louis, All branches - 1857-1861
Merchants' Bank of St. Louis, All branches - 1857-1861
Western Bank of Missouri, All branches - 1857-1861
Union Bank of Missouri, All branches - 1857-1861
Farmers Bank of Missouri, All branches - 1857-1861
Mechanic's Bank of Missouri, All branches - 1857-1861

Scrip issued in 1840-1843, 1860-1862 and 1871-1877
by most cities or Missouri storekeepers, including
City of St. Louis
City of Hannibal
City of Louisiana
City of Kansas (Kansas City)
City of Jefferson (Jefferson City)
City of St. Joseph
City of Mexico

National Bank Notes of the Series of 1865 from
National banks in Missouri.

You understand that I am interested in anything used as money in Missouri, and I know Colonel Green had a great many of the above items. I would appreciate the opportunity very much of being able to buy these items on any reasonable basis.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

PEW:JB

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October 21, 1939

Estate of E. H. R. Green

Eric P. Newman, Esq.,
Messrs. Taylor, Chasnoff & Willson,
Boatmen's Bank Building,
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge with thanks yours of the 19th instant which may be of aid to us. We appreciate having this detailed information.

Very truly yours,

Milbank Tweed & Hope

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MILBANK, TWEED & HOPE
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December 27, 1939.

Estate of E. H. R. Green

Eric P. Newman, Esq.,
Messrs. Taylor, Chasnoff & Willson,
Boatmen's Bank Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Further referring to your letter of October 19, we hand you herewith a partial list of some of the Missouri items in the collection of Colonel E. H. R. Green and we would much appreciate learning from you the amount you would be willing to pay for them.

Very truly yours,

Milbank Tweed & Hope

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December 29, 1939.

Milbank, Tweed & Hope,
15 Broad Street,
New York, New York.

RE: ESTATE OF E.H.R.GREEN.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of December 27, 1939 addressed to Eric P. Newman of our office will have his attention on his return to the office, which will be about January 5, 1940.

Very truly yours,

JC:EH

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